

EDITORIAL

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We announced in our last issue that **MJMS** will be accepting well-motivated and sharply focused short notes. We are proud to announce that Dr. Valerio De Angelis has agreed to be the new Short Notes Editor for the **Missouri Journal of Mathematical Sciences**. Dr. De Angelis' contact information is:

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We are pleased to add Dr. De Angelis to our editorial staff and look forward to the positive contribution he will make to **MJMS** through his work with our Short Notes section.

On April 18, 2006, President Bush created the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. The panel will advise the President and Secretary Spellings on the best use of scientifically based research on the teaching and learning of mathematics. The panel is charged with the following:

1. The National Mathematics Panel will convene experts to empirically evaluate the effectiveness of various approaches to teaching math, creating a research base to improve instructional methods for teachers.
2. The panel's recommendations will help teachers teach all K-7 students pre-algebraic concepts so that every student can take and pass more rigorous courses in middle and high school, particularly Algebra I in middle school and Algebra II in high school.

There is a web site for the Panel

(<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/mathpanel/index.html>)

and on it you can find more information concerning the Panel's schedule of public meetings, transcripts from previous meetings, and Panel comments and initiatives.